

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of balancing a rotating machinery, said rotating machinery
2 having an inner frame, an outer casing, and counterweights connected with a shaft of said
3 rotating machinery, said method comprising:

4 mounting a proximity probe on said outer casing, said proximity probe
5 configured to provide phase readings to a phase reading output channel, wherein said phase
6 reading is measured in degrees measured with respect to a key phasor;

7 mounting a first plurality of velocity transducers on said inner frame, each of
8 said velocity transducers configured to provide a first plurality of velocity signals to a first
9 plurality of velocity signal output channels;

10 mounting a second plurality of velocity transducers on said outer casing, each
11 of said velocity transducers configured to provide a second plurality of velocity signals to a
12 second plurality of velocity signal output channels;

13 connecting said phase reading output channel, said first and second plurality of
14 velocity signal output channels to a data acquisition system;

15 collecting vibration data provided by said phase reading output channel, and
16 said first and second plurality of velocity signal channels, using said data acquisition system;

17 removing said outer casing to allow access to said counterweights; and

18 adjusting said counterweights using a predetermined rotor influence
19 coefficient to reduce said vibration below an acceptable threshold level.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said rotating machinery is a three-shaft
2 scroll pump.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said mounting said proximity probe
2 includes connecting said proximity probe to said outer casing.

1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said first plurality of velocity
2 transducers comprises at least two velocity transducers which are installed 90 degrees from
3 each other, in order to provide velocity data in two planes, and wherein one of said at least
4 two velocity transducers is oriented in the direction of the key phasor.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said second plurality of velocity
2 transducers comprises at least two velocity transducers which are installed 90 degrees from

3 each other, in order to provide velocity data in two planes, and wherein one of said at least
4 two velocity transducers is oriented in the direction of the key phasor.

1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said collecting said vibration data
2 comprises collecting amplitude, velocity, and phase angle data, wherein said phase angle is
3 measured in degrees from said key phasor.

1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein said collecting said vibration data
2 comprises collecting amplitude, velocity, and phase angle data, for start up, steady state and
3 coast down operating conditions, and wherein said rotating machinery is operating near a
4 resonant condition during said steady state operating condition.

1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein said shaft is one of three shafts and
2 wherein said counterweights comprise upper and a lower counterweights, wherein each of
3 said shafts is connected with an upper counterweight and a lower counterweight, and wherein
4 said upper and lower counterweights are mounted near the ends of each of said shafts.

1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein said adjusting said counterweights
2 includes adding correction weights to and removing correction weights from said
3 counterweights.

1 10. The method of claim 1 wherein said adjusting said counterweights
2 includes adding correction weights to and removing correction weights from said
3 counterweights, and wherein said adjusting primarily comprises said removing when an
4 indicated vibration is in alignment with said counterweights, and wherein said adjusting
5 primarily comprises said adding when an indicated vibration is not alignment with said
6 counterweights.

1 11. The method of claim 1 wherein said predetermined rotor influence
2 coefficient is obtained from an equivalent rotating machinery, and wherein an equivalent
3 rotating machinery is a rotating machinery operating substantially at resonance.

1 12. The method of claim 1 wherein said rotor influence coefficient
2 provides a measure for said adjusting said counterweights, and wherein said measure is a
3 weight adjustment per a vibration displacement and a weight placement angle value measured
4 with respect to the location of the maximum vibration displacement.

1 13. A system for balancing a rotating machinery, said rotating machinery
2 having an inner frame, an outer casing, and counterweights connected with a shaft of said
3 rotating machinery, said system comprising:

4 a proximity probe configured to be mounted on said outer casing of said
5 rotating machinery, said proximity probe configured to provide phase readings to a phase
6 reading output channel, wherein said phase reading is measured in degrees measured with
7 respect to a key phasor;

8 a first plurality of velocity transducers configured to be mounted on said inner
9 frame of said rotating machinery, each of said velocity transducers configured to provide a
10 first plurality of velocity signals to a first plurality of velocity signal output channels;

11 a second plurality of velocity transducers configured to be mounted on said
12 outer casing of said rotating machinery, each of said velocity transducers configured to
13 provide a second plurality of velocity signals to a second plurality of velocity signal output
14 channels;

15 a data acquisition system for receiving said phase reading output channel, said
16 first and second plurality of velocity signal output channels; and

17 counterweights configured to be applied to said shaft of said rotating
18 machinery using a predetermined rotor influence coefficient.

19 14. The system of claim 13 wherein said rotating machinery is a three-
20 shaft scroll pump.

1 15. The system of claim 13 wherein said first plurality of velocity
2 transducers comprises at least two velocity transducers which are installed 90 degrees from
3 each other, in order to provide velocity data in two planes, and wherein one of said at least
4 two velocity transducers is oriented in the direction of the key phasor.

1 16. The system of claim 13 wherein said second plurality of velocity
2 transducers comprises at least two velocity transducers which are installed 90 degrees from
3 each other, in order to provide velocity data in two planes, and wherein one of said at least
4 two velocity transducers is oriented in the direction of the key phasor.

1 17. The system of claim 13 wherein said data acquisition system is
2 configured to collect vibration data comprising amplitude, velocity, and phase angle data, for

3 start up, steady state and coast down operating conditions, and wherein said rotating
4 machinery is operating near a resonant condition during said steady state operating condition.

1 18. The system of claim 13 wherein said shaft is one of three shafts and
2 wherein said counterweights comprise upper and a lower counterweights, wherein each of
3 said shafts is connected with an upper counterweight and a lower counterweight, and wherein
4 said upper and lower counterweights are mounted near the ends of each of said shafts.

1 19. The system of claim 13 wherein said counterweights include correction
2 weights to for adding and for removing correction weights from said counterweights, and
3 wherein said counterweights are removed when an indicated vibration is in alignment with
4 said counterweights, and wherein counterweights are added when an indicated vibration is
5 not alignment with said counterweights.

1 20. The system of claim 13 wherein said predetermined rotor influence
2 coefficient is obtained from an equivalent rotating machinery, and wherein an equivalent
3 rotating machinery is a rotating machinery operating substantially at resonance.

1 21. The system of claim 13 wherein said rotor influence coefficient
2 provides a measure for adjusting said counterweights, and wherein said measure is a weight
3 adjustment per a vibration displacement and a weight placement angle value measured with
4 respect to the location of the maximum vibration displacement.